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TORONTO'S DEADLY STREETS

Hit-and-runs deserve tougher penalties, says advocate



**Luke
Simcoe**
Metro | Toronto

Pedestrian advocates are renewing their calls for tougher penalties for drivers who leave people injured or dying on the road in the wake of a fatal hit-and-run in Scarborough.

"It's a heinous and repulsive act," said lawyer and pedestrian champion Patrick Brown. "But unless the law reflects a penalty that's equivalent to or more severe than impaired driving, people will continue to take off."

Saeed Maravvej Torbati, 25, turned himself in to police Monday after being identified as the driver in a Thursday crash that killed a 56-year-old woman near Markham and Nashdene roads.

It's believed to be the city's first fatal pedestrian hit-and-run this year. Torbati has been charged with failure to stop at the scene of a fatal accident, and more charges could be added as the investigation continues. The vehicle involved in the crash, a black Mercedes Benz, is still being sought by police.

Uri Samson is among the advocates who say the current penalty for failing to remain at the scene of an accident — a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$2,000 fine — isn't enough to deter drivers from fleeing.

He and others would like Ontario to follow Florida's lead. The state has imposed mandatory minimums in such cases, meaning fleeing the scene of a fatal crash is punishable by at least four years in prison.

Samson's son, Tom, was killed in a hit-and-run in 2012. The driver, Miguel Oliveira, pleaded guilty to failing to remain and was allowed to serve his six-month sentence on weekends.

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The sign was mine: consultant's claim

COURTS

But expert says lawsuit against city will be hard to win



Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A man suing the city over the popular Toronto sign outside city hall could have a hard time proving his case, an intellectual-property expert says.

Brand consultant Bruce Barrow launched the lawsuit Monday, claiming he came up with the idea for the sign but never received credit for it. He's seeking \$2.5 million in damages.

Barrow claims he met with city officials, including Mayor John Tory and councillors Josh Colle and Michael Thompson, to pitch the idea of a Toronto sign on multiple occasions between 2013 and 2014.

The sign in Nathan Phillips Square was unveiled in July 2015 ahead of the Pan Am Games.

Matthew Diskin, an intellectual-property lawyer with Gilbert's LLP in Toronto, said Barrow's case could "theoretically" succeed. But in the absence of something like a non-disclosure agreement, it may be hard to prove a breach of confidence.

"If it's just a guy who went to a meeting and said, 'Let's have



Below: Brand consultant Bruce Barrow claims he came up with the idea for the popular 3D Toronto sign outside city hall.

Left: Barrow's plan suggested installing a large sign at popular locations in the city, including Nathan Phillips Square and the Don Valley embankment, shown here.

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a sign,' it's not going to work," Diskin said.

Barrow's lawyer, John Simpson, said the case hinges on whether Colle, Thompson or Tory committed a breach of confidence by sharing his client's confidential work with anyone involved in the sign project.

"The city was looking for a new brand identity and had done so unsuccessfully until Mr. Barrow's proposal landed in their laps," he said.

"The timeline speaks for itself," Simpson added. "It's clear something did happen."

According to the city's statement of defence, work on a prospective Toronto-themed sign dates back to 2010, well before any meeting with Barrow. The statement also highlights differences between the final design and Barrow's proposal. Barrow's plan involved a massive sign akin to the famous one in Hollywood.



BLACK LIVES MATTER

Protesters disperse after premier visit

Following a persistent two weeks camped outside in frigid weather, Black Lives Matter demonstrators have decided to vacate Toronto police HQ following a brief discussion with Premier Kathleen Wynne.

Saying she had heard their anger about the police treatment of minorities, Wynne met with more than 100 protesters rallying at Queen's Park on Monday.

Wynne told the protesters that she would set up a meeting "ASAP" with the organizers.

In an unusual move, the premier — flanked by her security detail and three cabinet ministers — emerged from the front door of the legislature to address the chanting demonstrators.

"In my heart I believe that we all need to work together to make sure we get this right," Wynne told the crowd.

Black Lives Matter activists — who have been staging a sit-in protest since March 20 after the Special Investigations Unit decided not to charge the unnamed officer who shot and killed Andrew

Loku last year — demonstrated at Wynne's North Toronto home last week.

As the protesters chanted "give us the name, give us the name" of the officer, Wynne stressed she could not discuss specific cases.

"We are reviewing all the police oversight bodies. We need your help in doing that," the premier said.

Black Lives Matter organizer Janaya Khan said "it's an important step" to speak with Wynne. "But I think thus far we've seen failures and broken promises and a lack of transparency, so we're going to be there and we're going to show and hope that our demands are met," said Khan.

The Black Lives Matter organizers say that they'll give the city 300 hours for demands to be met — if not, they'll return.

Before their departure, demonstrators unfurled two signs at the police headquarters reading: "You are on notice. Your anti blackness has been exposed. We are not finished."

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Premier Kathleen Wynne speaks with protesters on the front steps of the legislature Monday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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CITY AND COLOUR

Metro asks young refugees what T.O. looks like to them

Liz Beddall
Metro | Toronto

Wielding a colourful collection of markers, pens and crayons, some of Toronto's newest residents set to work.

Asked by Metro to depict their new homes on paper, the young Syrians refugees create a version of the city that's covered in bright green grass, butterflies, tall buildings and large bodies of water.

The yellow beaming sun is also common on the corners of their drawings, despite the unseasonably dreary weather outside.

Then, there are the hearts. Hearts, one girl said, to show she loves her new home as much as her old one.



Six-year-old Aya Chaghoury drew a house, grass, flowers, a tall building (possibly the CN Tower) and a duck she saw at Ontario Place. She says she loves Toronto's "sea," isn't too keen on the cold, and is hoping to visit the Toronto Zoo in the near future. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO



Artist: Mariam Chaghoury, 9



Artist: Lama Hassam, 13



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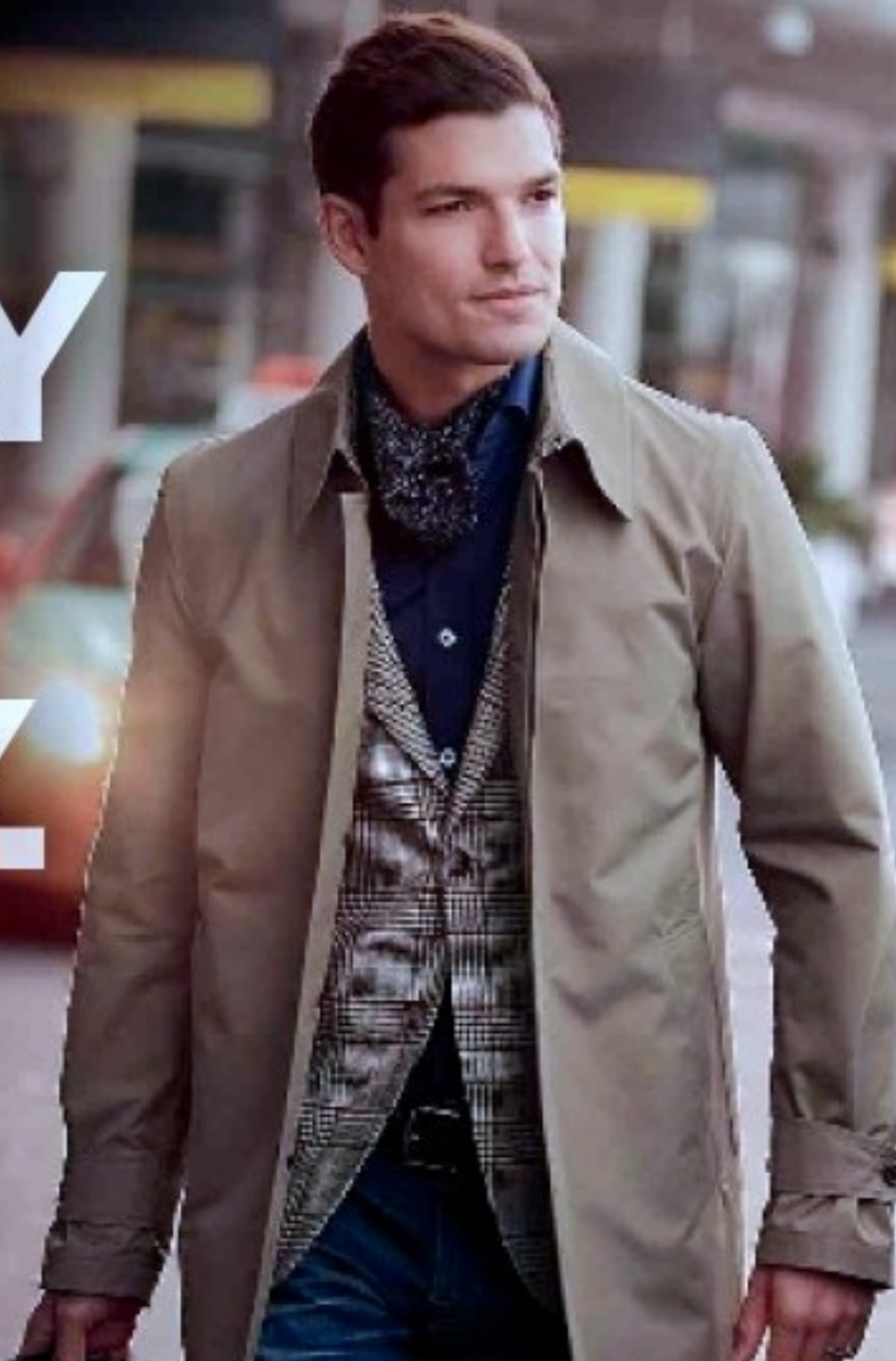


Aya Chaghoury's vision of her new home.



Hadeel Abbas, 10, Lama Hassam, 13, and Omran Abbas, 12, sketch away their afternoon. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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Omran Abbas, 12

"I drew a house with a father and a son. I like the programs for kids in Toronto. Sports like football, basketball and hockey. My favourite place so far we've visited has been the aquarium. I like potato chips here but I don't like the hummus here as much."



Hadeel Abaas, 10

"This is a drawing of Jordan and Canada. This picture explains that the two are standing side by side. I draw this heart because there is love in both, and I put the sea and fish at the bottom."



Ali Nama, 11

"I was thinking about a mosque. This is grass and flowers and clouds. I love Toronto so I drew a heart. I like to draw mosques, it's always in my mind. I like everything here, because even if the weather is cold now, someday it's going to change."



Elham Nana, 9

"I drew the house I'll be moving into in Toronto when we leave the hotel. I drew lots of grass and clouds — I like clouds because they bring the snow. But I don't like the cold."



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Jooyoung Lee, right, throws out a "pop lock" with his mentor, Tick-a-Lott, in L.A. CONTRIBUTED

Prof says rap puts rhyme above rancour

MUSIC

Toronto-based writer looks at misconception around genre



Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

A University of Toronto professor is turning the old, tired stereotype about rap music causing violence on its head — and spinning it around.

Instead of causing trouble, rap promotes peace in violent neighbourhoods. Jooyoung Lee writes in his new book *Blowin' Up: Rap Dreams in South Central*.

It's a matter that's close to Lee's heart — he's both a hip-hop dancer and sociology professor

who studies guns, rap and crime — and the book is based largely on his personal experience.

Lee fell in love with gangster rap while growing up in Southern California around the time of the Rodney King riots.

"Even though I hadn't grown up in the context described by artists like Ice Cube, I was intrigued because it seemed to capture larger narratives about racism and police violence," he said. "It woke me up to the realities of racial inequalities in the U.S."

As a university student in Los Angeles, he got into hip-hop dancing and learned about an open mic workshop in South Central called Project Blowed, where young emcees battle each other and seek to "blow up" by launching famous rap careers. He found the battles offered an alternative to violence and gang life.

"People in that scene know you can't get upset and show violence, the way to handle it is a lyrical battle to see who's better," Lee said. "It successfully inverts the code of the street, where you win respect through violence or a display of toughness. Here, you earn respect by showing you can rhyme, you're creative and smart."

Toronto has a leg up on many major cities, Lee said, because community centres have hip-hop writing, DJ and dancing programs that offer a constructive, creative outlet for youth similar to Project Blowed.

"I think it's an amazing testament to what the local government is doing here to support the youth," he said.

Blowin' Up: Rap Dreams in South Central was published by the University of Chicago Press. It's available on Amazon.

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ALLEGED HIT-AND-RUN

Driver turns self in



Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A friend of Saeed Maravvej Torbati is struggling to come to terms with how the "honest, straight-up and caring" young man allegedly left a woman dying on the side of the road after hitting her with his Mercedes.

Torbati, 25, turned himself in to police Monday after being identified as the driver in a Thursday crash that killed a 56-year-old woman near Markham and Nashdene roads. He has been charged with failure to remain at the scene and more charges could be pending as the investigation continues.

"It's not something I would have expected from him," said

Bhanu Vadhera, a friend of Torbati's in Ottawa. "He's really a stand-up guy."

According to his LinkedIn page, Torbati is the founder of Ontario Stars, a direct marketing company that sells "eco-friendly" home products like heaters and air filters. He hails from Ottawa, but Vadhera said he spends a lot of time in Toronto on business.



Saeed Moravvej Torbati

Torbati immigrated to Canada five years ago and brought his mother and sister to the country, Vadhera said.

Vadhera believes his friend must have been "startled" by the alleged accident and "took the time to process" what happened before turning himself in.

FORD'S MEMORIAL COSTS

Ex-mayor's family to pay city
Councillor Rob Ford's office says his family will reimburse the "full costs" of his public memorial last week, which the Star earlier reported cost the city and taxpayers \$18,676, mostly for unionized

staff overtime.

The two-day memorial, which included Ford's body lying in repose in the rotunda for nearly 24 hours total, was unprecedented for a former mayor of Toronto.

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Pitch for ranked ballots

DEMOCRACY

Minister hopes Toronto will reconsider election option

Ontario's municipal affairs minister is "really disappointed" Toronto councillors backed away from ranked ballots and hopes voters will convince them to embrace the new election system.

Ted McMeekin made the comments Monday while revealing proposed municipal election changes that would give Ontario towns and cities the option of using ranked ballots to elect their councils.

Ranked ballots would replace the "first past the post" system — where the candidate with the most votes wins — with one whereby voters rank candidates in their order of preference, possibly first, second and third.

A candidate with the majority of first-place votes — 50 per cent plus one — wins, just as in the current system. If nobody wins a clear majority, the candidate with the fewest first-place votes is knocked out. Their second choices are added to other can-



Ted McMeekin, Ontario's municipal affairs minister, announces new legislation Monday allowing cities and towns to use ranked ballots in elections. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

didates' totals and so on, until one has a majority of votes and is declared the winner.

Proponents of the system say it discourages negative campaigning, boosts ethnic diversity on councils and stymies polarizing political figures.

Toronto council lobbied Ontario, via a 2013 vote, to allow the switch. But council voted last fall to reverse that support — saying preferably no ranked ballots in Ontario, and none in Toronto without a referendum, despite Mayor John Tory's strong

support for the change.

"I was really disappointed to see it, as was the mayor," said McMeekin, noting 94 per cent of Ontarians who gave the Liberal government feedback on electoral reform supported ranked ballots. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Where lenders gather

NEIGHBOURHOODS

Analysis shows clusters of loan stores



Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

In Marion O'Sullivan's neighbourhood, there's a Money Mart across from a Cash Inn and a couple more payday loan stores across the road.

"They bring down the level of the neighbourhood," said O'Sullivan, co-ordinator of the Weston Village Business Improvement Area. "If you walk into the area and there's a lot of Money Marts, it doesn't say much about the area, does it?"

She's among those praising a decision that aims to make sure her neighbourhood doesn't become a template for other areas of the city.

Council has directed city staff to craft a bylaw that would prohibit "predatory lenders" from setting up shop within 400 metres of each other. Right now, Toronto is home to 134 payday loan and cash-for-gold establish-

ments, many of which are situated in low-income areas.

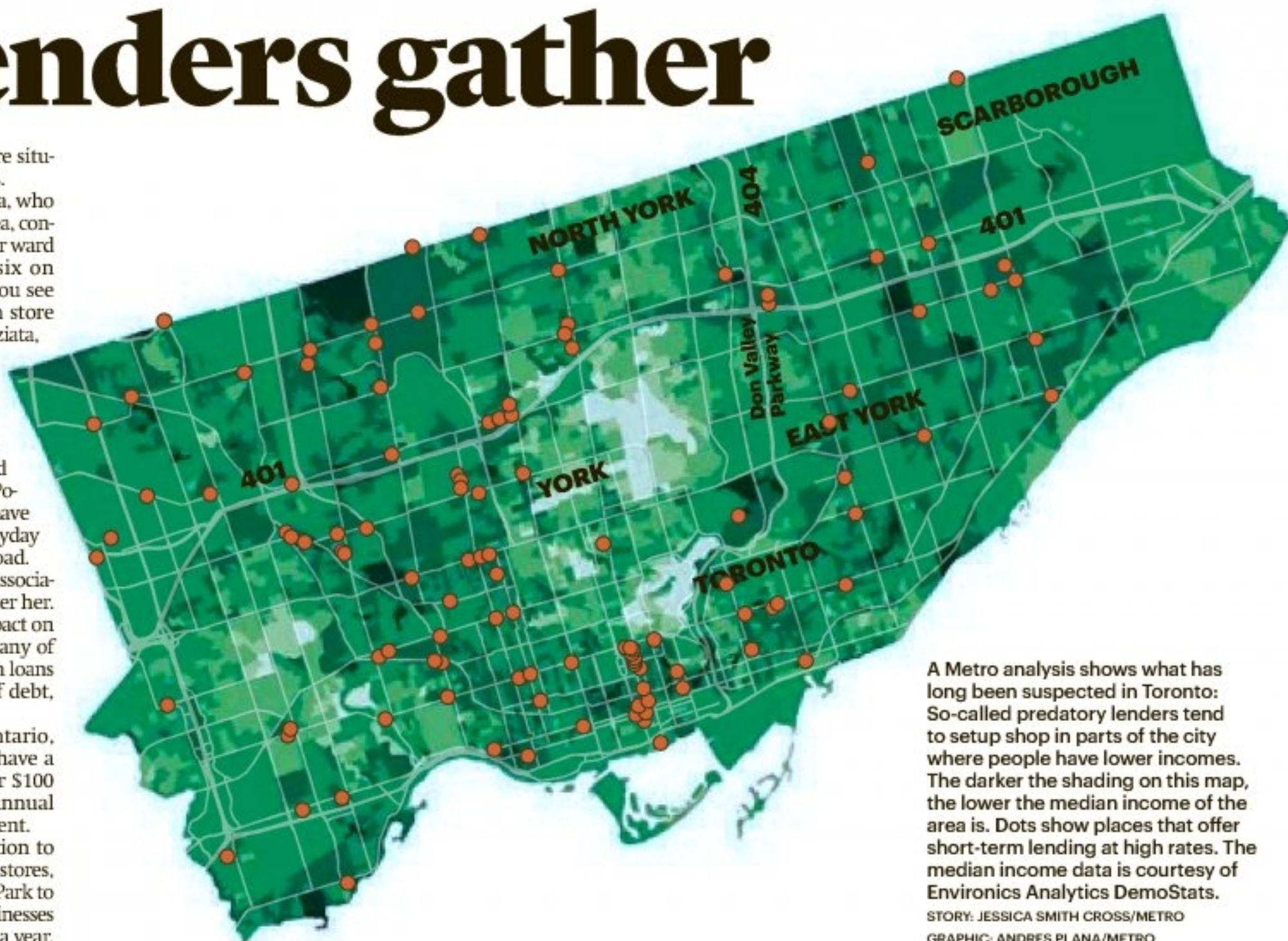
Coun. Frances Nunziata, who represents the Weston area, considers them a blight in her ward. "You'd have five or six on one block, as soon as you see a vacancy, a payday loan store would open up," said Nunziata. "They'd survive maybe a year or so, close down, and another would open up."

Four years ago, her house was broken into and her jewellery was stolen. Police advised her it might have ended up at one of the payday loan shops on Weston Road.

It's not just a possible association with crime that bothers her. They have an adverse impact on low-income residents, many of whom take out short-term loans and end up in a cycle of debt, Nunziata said.

That's because in Ontario, two-week payday loans have a maximum fee of \$21 per \$100 borrowed — that's an annual interest rate of 546 per cent.

Along with taking action to end the clustering of loan stores, council is asking Queen's Park to limit interest rates the businesses can charge to 35 per cent a year.



A Metro analysis shows what has long been suspected in Toronto: So-called predatory lenders tend to setup shop in parts of the city where people have lower incomes. The darker the shading on this map, the lower the median income of the area is. Dots show places that offer short-term lending at high rates. The median income data is courtesy of Environics Analytics DemoStats.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

'It's Mexicans that built this tower,' worker declares



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

A Mexican-Canadian construction worker created an online sensation for flying a Mexican flag from the rooftop of the prestigious Vancouver Trump Tower over the weekend to poke at U.S. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

Port Moody, B.C. resident Diego Reyna put up the Mexican flag in response to Trump's comments about Mexicans being criminals and rapists, according to his Facebook post that was shared over 5,000 times by Monday afternoon.

"It's Mexicans that built this



Diego Reyna hung a Mexican flag at the top of Trump Tower in Vancouver to send Donald Trump a message: "This building is standing here today, thanks to us." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

tower. This building is standing here today thanks to us, to our work, our labour," Reyna said in a YouTube video that showcases the view from the swanky, soon-to-be-complete building in Vancouver's finan-

cial district.

"So there's a little present for Mr. Trump, so every time you judge us you can think, who is building your towers? We are."

The construction crew that

built the 63-storey tower — one city councillor called it a "beacon of racism" after Trump suggested banning Muslims from the U.S. — included many Mexican labourers.

"Mr. Trump, we did our best work, your tower here in Vancouver is premium quality, and we were a crucial part of it, not just Mexicans but immigrants as a whole," Reyna wrote, asking people to share his post so it makes it to Trump's newsfeed.

Reyna joins a chorus of more than 50,000 Vancouverites, including Mayor Gregor Robertson, who signed a petition asking developer Holborn to remove Trump's brand from the Arthur Erikson-designed tower.

Holborn CEO Joo Kim Tiah is overseas and could not immediately be reached for comment, but he has previously stated Holborn has contracts with Trump International that cannot be altered.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Southern polar bears losing weight

The world's southernmost population of polar bears has already lost significant amounts of body weight after decades of shrinking sea ice with breeding females suffering the most, says new research from the Ontario government.



A bear and her cubs in Manitoba. THE CANADIAN PRESS

studying the roughly 900 bears that live along the northern Ontario coast from James Bay to the Manitoba boundary. Living on the southernmost fringe of polar bear habitat makes them uniquely vulnerable to climate change, he said.

"They're in poorer condition now than they were in the 1980s," said Martyn Obbard, of the province's natural resources department, one of the co-authors of the paper published by the National Research Council.

For decades, Obbard has been

the Hudson Bay ice season has been shrinking at the rate of one day a year. That means bears now spend roughly 30 day less on the sea ice than their ancestors back in the 1980s.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Panel to help shortlist nominees for banknote

The Bank of Canada has appointed a group of people to develop a short list of Canadian women whose images could appear on a new banknote in 2018.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Residential school records can be destroyed: Court

Survivors of Canada's residential school system have the right to see their stories archived, but their accounts must otherwise be destroyed in 15 years, Ontario's top court ruled Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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INVESTIGATION

Feds to study 'tax gap'

A senator who has crusaded against tax evasion has released recent correspondence from the revenue minister revealing the government's plan to determine how much money Canada loses to tax dodgers.

Revenue Minister Diane LeBouthillier says in a Jan. 20 letter to Sen. Percy Downe that her department will try to estimate the value of Canada's so-called "tax gap," the difference between what is owed in taxes and what is actually collected.

The senator was responding to the leak of 11.5 million records from Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, the authenticity of which the firm has confirmed.

LeBouthillier's letter says Canada will work with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which uses the tax gap measure to help develop policies that target tax evaders.

But Downe said he won't cheer until the Canada Revenue Agency actually releases data to the parliamentary budget officer so he can begin measuring the gap. Downe said he that's why he plans to table a bill in the Senate next week that would require the government to measure the tax gap.

The Royal Bank said Monday it operates within the law and has policies to prevent tax evasion after reports said it used the Panamanian law firm whose leaked documents are said to reveal the use of offshore tax havens.

The bank said there are legitimate reasons to set up a holding company, but if it believes a client intends to commit a criminal offence by evading taxes, it would report that and not serve the client.

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A glimpse into how the rich hide their money

PANAMA PAPERS

Shell companies used to obscure identities of true owners

A leak of 11.5 million documents from a Panama-based law firm offers a glimpse into the shadowy world where the rich and powerful hide their money, raising sharp questions about the use of shell companies that obscure the identities of their true owners.

Leaders of the Group of 20 — representing about 80 per cent of the global economy — have vowed to crack down on the practice, which is blamed for helping conceal money laundering, corruption and tax evasion.

By themselves, shell companies aren't illegal. Countries have tightened rules on using them — but not enough to satisfy anti-corruption activists.

News organizations working with the Washington-based International Consortium of Investigative Journalists have been processing the legal records from the Mossack Fonseca law firm that were first leaked to the Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper based in Munich, Germany.

In reports that began Sunday,

LEADERS

Among the countries with past or present political figures named in the reports are Iceland, Ukraine, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Russia and Argentina.



Police stand by as people protest against Iceland's PM Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson in Reykjavik on Monday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

they said the document dump that they dubbed the "Panama Papers" shows the hidden offshore assets of politicians, businesses and celebrities, including 12 current or former heads of state.

The law firm said in a statement it observed all laws and international standards covering corporate registrations.

Ramon Fonseca, a co-founder of Mossack Fonseca — one of the world's largest creators of shell companies — confirmed to Panama's Channel 2 that documents investigated by the ICIJ were authentic and had been obtained illegally by hackers. But he said most people identified in the reports were not his firm's direct clients but were ac-

counts set up by intermediaries.

One of the most prominent subjects of the report is Russian President Vladimir Putin, although his name does not appear in the documents. ICIJ said on its website that the documents show how complex offshore financial deals channeled as much as \$2 billion to a network of people linked to Putin.

The ICIJ said the documents involve 214,488 companies and 14,153 clients of Mossack Fonseca.

The data was from 1977 through 2015, the paper said. The newspaper and its partners verified the data's authenticity by comparing it to public registers, witness testimony and court rulings, Obermayer added.

"It allows a never-before-seen view inside the offshore world — providing a day-to-day, decade-by-decade look at how dark money flows through the global financial system, breeding crime and stripping national treasuries of tax revenues," the ICIJ said.

Panama "is the last major holdout that continues to allow funds to be hidden offshore from tax and law enforcement authorities," said Angel Gurria, secretary-general of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, an organization representing mostly rich countries. It has been working with the G-20 to restrict the use of shell companies.

Reports based on the leak said Iceland's Prime Minister Sig-

+ IN CANADA

Revenue agency told to get leaked information

Canada's tax collectors want to get their hands on the so-called Panama Papers, a vast collection of documents that lays bare details of offshore accounts and tax shelters.

Hours after media outlets around the globe went public with the internal records of a Panamanian law firm that specializes in hiding money in tax havens, Revenue Minister Diane LeBouthillier instructed officials at the Canada Revenue Agency to get the information.

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mundur David Gunnlaugsson set up a company called Wintris Inc., in the British Virgin Islands in 2007 with his partner at the time, Anna Sigurlaug Palsdottir, who is now his wife.

He reportedly sold his half of the company to Palsdottir for \$1 on Dec. 31, 2009, the day before a new Icelandic law took effect that would have required him to declare the ownership of Wintris as a conflict of interest.

Wintris lost money as a result of the 2008 financial crash that crippled Iceland, and is claiming a total of 515 million Icelandic kronur (\$4.2 million) from the three failed Icelandic banks: Landsbanki, Glitnir, and Kaupthing.

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DEPORTATIONS

EU starts shipping migrants to Turkey

A controversial European Union plan to stem the flow of refugees began Monday with the deportation of more than 200 people from Greek islands to Turkey, despite concerns over human rights and criticism that Europe was turning its back on refugees.

As dawn broke, buses filled with migrants left under heavy security from a detention centre on the island of Lesbos headed to the port for the short boat ride to the Turkish port of Dikili. More were ferried across from the island of Chios, where riot police clashed hours earlier with demonstrators protesting the



Police escort migrants, who are being deported from Lesbos, on to a ferry before it returns to Turkey on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

expulsions.

In all, 202 people from 11 nations were sent back. They included 130 Pakistanis, 42 Afghans,

10 Iranians, five Congolese, four Sri Lankans, three Bangladeshis, three from India, and one each from Iraq, Somalia and Ivory

Coast, as well as two Syrians who Greek authorities said had asked to be sent back.

Human rights groups expressed deep concern over the operation.

"The returns underway this morning in the Aegean are the symbolic start of the potential disastrous undoing of Europe's commitment to protecting refugees," said Amnesty International's deputy director for Europe, Gauri van Gulik. "Urgent key questions are: What process is everyone going through and what will become of them after their return?" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cold-fX makers misled public: Suit

MEDICINE

Customers exposed to health risk, documents say

The makers of Cold-fX are in court fighting allegations they ignored their own research and misled consumers about the short-term effectiveness of the popular cold and flu remedy.

Valeant Pharmaceuticals will oppose an application in British Columbia Supreme Court to grant the lawsuit class-action status.

Vancouver Island resident Don Harrison launched his original claim in 2012 against Valeant and its subsidiary, Afexa Life Sciences, over advertising saying that Cold-fX offered "immediate relief of cold and flu" if taken over a three-day period at the first sign of symptoms.

Harrison's notice of claim said Valeant and Afexa continued to "knowingly or recklessly"



Boxes of Cold-fX medication
THE CANADIAN PRESS

promote Cold-fX despite evidence the natural-health product only had a possible positive impact after being taken daily for prolonged periods of two-to-six months.

Valeant also unnecessarily exposed its customers to a health threat by distributing a useless drug with a risk of adverse side effects, he said.

In a statement, the Laval, Que.-based company said it denies the accusations being made against it and will fight the application for class-action certification.

"Valeant believes the suit is without merit and is vigorously defending this matter," read the document. None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Afexa is the original manufacturer and licence holder of Cold-fX and was bought by Valeant in 2011.

Harrison's lawyer John Green also alleged Valeant and Afexa kept quiet about an internal study conducted in the early 2000s that contradicted the health claims around Cold-fX.

"The defendants knew at least as early as 2004, when they had a study done themselves, that Cold-fX might be even less effective than a placebo," he said.

"The study actually showed the placebo to be more effective at relieving (some) cold symptoms than Cold-fX."

The study found the product effectively reduced the severity of a runny nose during the early days of a respiratory infection, but that it had limited efficacy in treating other symptoms, particularly a cough and stuffy nose.

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ELECTRIC CAR TESLA ORDERS STILL RIDING A sales rep, left, helps a customer pre-order the Tesla Model 3, in Santa Monica, California, on March 31, 2016. Tesla Motors' CEO Elon Musk says worldwide orders for a new lower-priced electric car hit 276,000. Musk posted the number Sunday on his Twitter feed. He says if the trend continues orders will hit 500,000. Tesla's new Model 3 starts at \$35,000 and has a range of 215 miles per charge. Customers must put down \$1,000 to order the cars, which go on sale in late 2017. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

AIRLINES

WestJet may see second harassment lawsuit

A former WestJet flight attendant already embroiled in a legal dispute with the airline has launched a second lawsuit, accusing the company of fostering a corporate culture that tolerates harassment against female flight attendants and silences alleged victims.

Mandalena Lewis said she decided to file the latest lawsuit, potentially a class-action case, after former colleagues came to her with stories of workplace harassment when her initial complaint became public.

"The common denominator



A WestJet plane in Richmond, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

was definitely fear. They were afraid to say anything for fear of losing their jobs, which is really sad and just shows there's

a bigger problem that needs to be addressed," Lewis said. "It's 2016 and we are still facing a huge injustice in our workplace

environment. To say that WestJet has failed to create and maintain a safe work environment is incredibly accurate."

The notice of claim alleges WestJet encourages women who report harassment to remain silent and are told they will be disciplined if they fail to keep quiet. It describes WestJet's actions as "high-handed, malicious, arbitrary and highly reprehensible," and accuses the airline of profiting or obtaining an advantage by favouring male pilots over female flight attendants.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON THE PANAMA PAPERS' UNIVERSAL RESONANCE

Any Canadian can legally set up a shell company and avoiding paying a fair share of their wealth. The practice is both legal and abominable. And our outrage is shared by people in other nations, reading their own version of the same story.



Equal proximity.

That is what I have, and you have, along with people in Mexico, Indonesia, Pakistan, or Australia, to the revelations of the Panama Papers.

The massive leak of documents from a secretive Panamanian law firm exploded into the news cycle on Sunday. Since then, citizens in 78 countries have been learning how tax havens are impoverishing their nations while enriching the already rich.

An incredible 107 news organizations around the world collaborated on these documents in a yearlong investigation. The number of journalists on the project was 376. So editors at each participating outlet would have seconded an average three journalists, for a full year, to investigate the document's leads.

In an age of global media belt-tightening, where investigative journalism is increasingly too costly for some, that is significant. It



OUTRAGE ERA Occupy Wall Street protesters march in 2012. The Panama Papers arrive at a moment when inequality is at the forefront of public debate. FRANK FRANKLIN II / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

says something about the scope and impact of global income inequality that this is a massive story right around the world.

I've balked at the rhetorical transformation of "citizens" into "taxpayers." It

puts too much emphasis on how much we pay out; too little on how much we help each other. It trivializes our shared communities, in favour of elevating individual pet peeves.

But as these documents

show, we're not even all taxpayers. Any Canadian can legally set up a shell company in a tax haven and avoid paying a fair share of their wealth. The practice is both legal and abominable. It's costing Canadians an estimated \$6 billion a year. And our outrage is shared by people in other nations, reading their own localized versions of the same story.

"The Panama Papers: Secrets of the Super Rich" ran the ABC network's special program in Australia. "Foreign deals of Kenya's big names exposed" ran a headline in Kenya's the Daily Nation.

There were headlines in the German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung, Rede TV in Brazil, Proceso in Mexico, Tempo in Indonesia, the Miami Herald and Alalam Alijaded in Iraq. It would take a whole column just to name all the collaborators.

Under each headline, the same basic message: secret financial practices are undermine confidence, to whatever extent it exists in each nation, in the idea that we are all treated equally by government.

An especially cynical colleague doesn't think this gargantuan journalistic effort will bear much fruit. And it's true that the very rich have always played with a different set of cards. But perhaps we are in a new era of globalized outrage over income inequality? And maybe, on the wave of that outrage, we can change some of the rules of the game.

The Gardiner plan is a monumental mistake

TORY'S TORONTO

Matt Elliott



Not to brag, but I happen to have a very specific set of psychic powers. I can see the future of municipal infrastructure projects.

For example, I can predict, with uncanny certainty, the future of the Gardiner East.

Last week, council voted to confirm their support for the "Hybrid 3" plan for the 1.7-km stretch that links the Gardiner to the DVP. The plan will cost about \$600 million more than removing the elevated structure and replacing it with a regular road, a.k.a. the original expert recommendation.

Here's what happens next.

About a year from now, as the mayor and councillors consider the city's budget, transit riders will again hear all about how the city simply can't afford to pay for all the necessary improvements to TTC service.

They'll hear this even though a majority of city politicians saw titanic costs as no deterrent to their support for the Gardiner East project. They'll hear this even though relatively low-cost improvements to transit — like an extra \$15 million per year in bus maintenance — would objectively provide more benefits to more commuters than maintaining this bit of highway.

Within the next two or three years, as the design pro-

cess is completed, residents will get word that the approved configuration will cost more and take longer than expected.

This might be the safest bet in the city. Even by the low standards set by other projects, the estimated costs and timelines attached to the Gardiner East plan are hilariously vague.

That's not even the worst thing I'm seeing in this project's future. The worst part comes maybe 10 or 15 years down the line. That's when the culmination of demographic and technological trends will make it clear that Toronto's huge spend on an expressway in 2016 was like betting big on beeper technology right before the advent of the smartphone.

All across the world, more people are opting for lifestyles that don't leave them dependent on cars. Fewer young people are bothering to get driver's licences. The city's own data shows that virtually all of the new inbound commuters to Toronto from now through 2031 will be transit users.

Meanwhile, those that remain in cars will eventually hand over control of their vehicles to automated computer programs that likely won't require elevated expressways to work efficiently.

I'd like to be at least a little wrong, but I don't see how. It doesn't take psychic powers to foresee Toronto's infrastructure mistakes. They're massive and supported by nothing but concrete.

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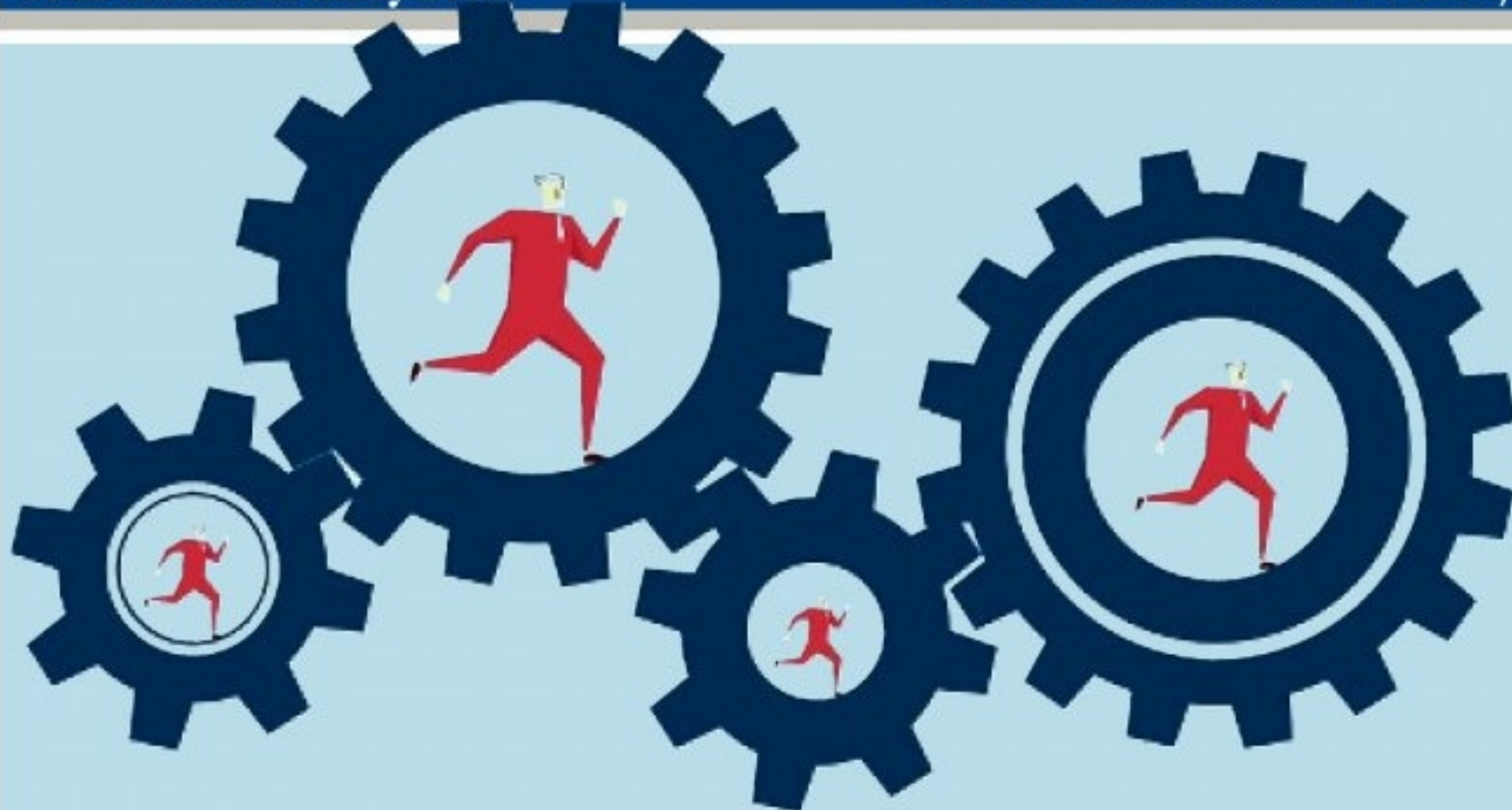
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'Nobody likes being a cog in the machine'

SMARTER BETTER FASTER

Author says feeling in control boosts productivity

Megan Haynes
For Metro Canada



As he raced to finish his first book, *The Power of Habit*, author Charles Duhigg felt like he was stuck on a treadmill of emails. "It felt like the harder and faster I was running, the farther behind I was falling," he says. "Working harder and making bigger sacrifices didn't get me out from underneath the avalanche."

While that wasn't a pleasant experience, it did inspire his next book about productivity, *Smarter Faster Better*.

Metro spoke with him about why control is important for motivation, tips to filtering out distractions and why being productive doesn't mean being more efficient.

How are productive people better at getting things done?

The most productive people tend to tell themselves a story about what's going on as it goes on. They spend 10 minutes each morning visualizing what's going to happen each day. So when they're in a situation where they have to decide "should I pay attention to this or should I ignore it?" it's easy for them to make that decision because they have some story in their head about how their day is supposed to go, whereas the rest of us just react.

What can nursing homes



It's not about being busier. It's about making better choices.

Charles Duhigg on enhancing productivity

and the concept of control teach us about motivation and productivity?

There was a question researchers asked in the 1980s: Why (do) some people move in to nursing homes and lose all motivation, essentially waiting to die, (while) others started exercising more, eating healthily and maintaining relationships with friends?

Those who were motivated to live would almost go out of their way to break the rules. (At this one nursing home) where everyone had an assigned meal,

this one group of residents would trade all their food. This one guy loved chocolate cake, but instead of eating the cake he got every night, he would trade it for a fruit or a brownie. He said "I would rather eat a meal of my own design than eat the best chocolate cake that was forced on me." That's why this group of residents could motivate themselves. They kept looking for choices to prove they were still in control of their own lives. When you're in your office inundated with emails and you feel like you just have

to hit "reply, reply, reply," finding some way to prove you're still in control — some choice you can make — that's how you spark motivation.

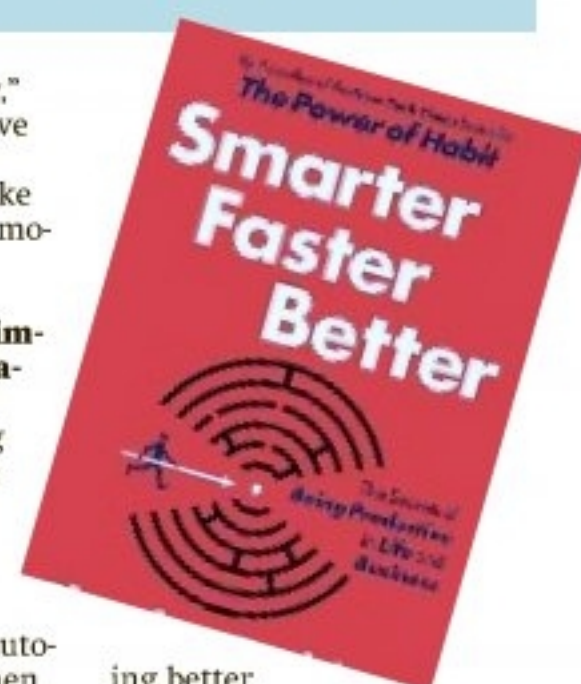
Why is control such an important factor in motivation and productivity?

Nobody likes being a cog in a machine. That's one of the things that's happened in the last 30 years we've often times mistaken efficiency for productivity. The more automatic we can make it, then that must mean it's more productive. The busier I am, the more productive I am.

It's actually the opposite: the more I can think "what's the right way to spend my time? Do I have control over the choices I'm making?" that's where productivity comes from. It's not about being busier. It's about making

better choices.

Is productivity getting your kids to school as fast as possible so you can get to your desk and start getting work done? Or is it having the time to walk with your kids to school so you're more relaxed. (You have to define) what is productivity to you.



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+ MATERNAL HEALTH SMOKING MAY ALTER GENES OF FETUS**Researchers find changes linked to cancer, defects**

Women who smoke while pregnant may be chemically altering the DNA of the developing fetus, a major study published in the American Journal of Human Genetics found. Doctors have warned smoking can lead to stillbirth, or babies born with cleft palate, lung disease, or neuro-

behavioral problems. Among smokers in the study, researchers identified "6,073 places where the DNA was chemically modified differently" than in newborns of non-smoking moms. Changes were seen in genes relating to lung and nervous system development, smoking-related cancers, and birth defects. AFP

**BABY BOOMER HEALTH****Risky actions not cause of Hep C peak: Study**

Canadian researchers have determined the peak of the hepatitis C epidemic in North America occurred about 15 years earlier than previously believed, suggesting it wasn't youthful indiscretions that put baby boomers at a high risk for the disease.

And that means, say researchers, that all those who belong to the post-Second World War generation should be screened for the potentially deadly infection, which can take up to 50 years to manifest symptoms.

An estimated 300,000 Canadians are infected with hepatitis C, with baby boomers — the generation born between 1946 and 1964 — making up about 75 per cent of cases. Over time, hepatitis C can severely scar the liver, leading to cirrhosis, and is a known cause of liver cancer as well as liver failure.

It was long thought that boomers who were infected with the blood-borne virus likely contracted the disease in their late teens or early 20s, due to such risky behaviours as IV drug use or sexual experimentation.

But a study by B.C. researchers found the peak of the hepatitis C epidemic occurred about 1950, when many baby boomers

+ STIGMA

Dr. Julio Montaner suggested stigma associated with hepatitis C — arising from the belief the infection was contracted due to IV drug use or "rough sex" — has been misplaced.

were young children, and had plateaued by 1960 — well before the zenith of injection drug use at the end of that decade.

The oldest of the baby boomers were just five years old at the peak of the epidemic.

"The spread of hepatitis C in North America occurred at least 15 years earlier than it was suspected before, and if that is the case, the baby boomer epidemic ... cannot be explained by behavioural indiscretions on the part of the baby boomers," said co-investigator Dr. Julio Montaner, director of the BC Centre of Excellence in HIV/AIDS.

"We suspect that this is more likely attributable to medical practices at the time," said Montaner, explaining that hepatitis C hadn't yet been identified and injections and blood transfusions

were given employing reusable glass-tube syringes and metal needles, which were subject to contamination despite boiling.

"The baby boomers in North America ought to be offered hepatitis C screening," he said, "not because they did anything wrong but because they are baby boomers, and so they were alive at a time in which the standard of care was such that we are all potentially at risk of having contracted hepatitis C."

A plateau in the spread of hepatitis C infections was observed between 1960 and 1990, consistent with the hypothesis that changes in injection technology were a driving factor.

Montaner suggested that stigma associated with a diagnosis of hepatitis C — arising from the belief the infection was contracted due to IV drug use or "rough sex" — has been misplaced.

"So hepatitis C testing has always carried a certain degree of stigma and it's been a difficult conversation," he said from Vancouver. "So people have been generally not coming forward to test, and physicians had usually not been offering hepatitis C screening very readily."

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Sit, stand, repeat for good health

MOVEMENT**This fun and simple exercise has many benefits**

YuMee Chung
Torstar News Service

We all know the importance of staying fit, but did you know that doctors are now saying that your level of musculoskeletal fitness is a strong predictor of longevity?

This seemingly simple exercise based on the sitting-rising test designed by Brazilian physician Claudio Gil Araújo. It's a decent measure of flexibility, balance and strength and a graceful way to get up and down from the ground.

Get Up, Stand Up

1. Begin in a seated position on the floor with right ankle crossed snugly in front of left and the feet within inches of each other.
2. Attempt to stand up without using the hands for support. Start slowly and be prepared to put a hand down if you lose your balance.
3. Keep the ankles crossed as you lower yourself back down

YuMee Chung is a recovering lawyer who teaches yoga in Toronto. She is on the faculty of several yoga teacher training programs and leads international yoga retreats. Learn more about her at padmani.com.

to a seated position.

4. Switch sides.

5. If you stood easily, without losing your balance, try this more challenging version: step the soles of the feet down on the ground with the inner big toes touching. Think standing feet.

6. Attempt to rise without using the hands for support. You will need to widen the knees away from your midline, reach your arms out in front, and rock your weight forward to gather a little momentum for this challenge. Again, be prepared to catch yourself.

7. Lower yourself to a seated position without moving your feet.

8. Switch sides.

Do this exercise on a regular basis to maintain mobility, coordination and muscle strength, and to decrease the risk of dangerous falls as you

move into your golden years.

Sit. Rise. Repeat.

According to a study by Brazilian physician Claudio Gil Araújo published in the European Journal of Cardiovascular Prevention, a simple test called the sitting-rising test (or SRT) can predict your chances of dying an early death.

Offering an explanation for the close correlation between the test scores and survival, Dr Araújo said: "It is well known that aerobic fitness is strongly related to survival, but

our study also shows that maintaining high levels of body flexibility, muscle strength, power-to-body weight ratio and coordination are not only good for performing daily activities but have a favourable influence on life expectancy."



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Learn to tell the meaningful stories

With the journalism industry evolving at a rapid pace, Humber College's journalism program is giving students the tools to navigate various media platforms and journalistic roles, says a professor in the three-year offering.

"Students need to know that journalism is alive and well and there are more ways than ever to tell meaningful stories," says Mike Karapita, who has taught in the advanced diploma program for 12 years. "It is more important than ever that they are able to do any number of jobs in the newsroom or communications setting. If they are able to do everything, they will have a lot of opportunities to choose from."

Comprised of courses that cover everything from TV and broadcast, magazines and newspapers to photojournalism, the program, in the last five years, has begun to emphasize digital elements. While learning industry fundamentals such as interviewing, beat reporting, page design and opinion

writing, students complete online-focused courses throughout the program.

"Our students are exposed to a wide range of approaches to journalism through hands-on learning," says Karapita. "So, students cover everything from high profile trials and city hall to cultural beats in the city, lifestyle and sports. We're aware that the kind of learner we attract wants that kind of experience and thrives on that practical approach."

To take hands-on learning a step further, Humber students also complete an industry internship during which they apply their knowledge and skills at a media outlet.

If two recent awards are any indication, Humber is on the right track to ensuring students are prepared for today's journalism industry. Sweat and Convergence, two student-run magazines, were awarded a Silver and Gold Crown, respectively, at the College Media Convention in New York. The Crown awards are the highest recognition given by



JOHN KLASSEN

the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, an international student press association, to a student print or digital medium for overall excellence.

"It's yet another validation that we are teaching the right things and that our stu-

dents are producing fantastic quality work," says Karapita.

In September 2016, Humber will launch a post-graduate, one-year certificate journalism program for students who have previously completed a post-secondary education.

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'Good sign' for Raptors

NBA
Swelling under control in Carroll's knee

DeMarre Carroll wants to rejoin the Toronto Raptors before the regular season is over, but finding the time to get the prep work he needs is going to be a big challenge.

The thing Carroll needs more than anything as he keeps coming back from January knee surgery is full NBA game speed and contact, things the Raptors can barely afford in practice as they get ready to open the playoffs in about a week and a half.

With full practice days in short supply — likely no more than two before the end of the regular season — Carroll may have to get any action in games, whether he's ready for it or not.

"The last three or whatever games there are when he comes back, we will use those as his test lab," coach Dwane Casey said Monday. "No disrespect to those teams, but (he needs) to get some work in, get some run in, get knocked down a few times, get hit a few times and see where he stands."

Carroll went through most of Monday's practice — he sat out the times the Raptors worked on plays specific to Tuesday's opponents, the Charlotte Hornets — and then played a lengthy game of two-on-two with Jason Thompson against the Brazilian duo of Lucas Nogueira and Bruno Caboclo.

Carroll knows it's not optimum preparation for a return after three months on the sidelines, but it's all he's going to get.

With six games — two back-to-backs — between now and the end of the season a week from Wednesday, the clock is working against him. But the good news was there were no immediate issues Monday.

"When I was working out before, I could feel the swelling when I was working out and now I don't feel nothing so that's a good sign," Carroll said. "We just keep pushing it and, hopefully, I keep playing two-on-two, three-on-three, four-on-four and Coach is ready to put me in and call my number and I'm ready to play."

Carroll said he has spoken to the team's medical staff and hopes to start with a 10- to 15-minute limit and increase his workload from there.

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21-7

Charlotte has gone 21-7 since Feb. 1.



DeMarre Carroll has made it into just 23 of the Raptors' 76 games so far this season. FERNANDO MEDINA/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Cross-check costs Kadri rest of season

Nazem Kadri won't be playing again for the Maple Leafs this season.

The NHL suspended Kadri for his cross-check to the head area of Red Wings centre Luke Glendening.

Kadri hit Glendening in the second period of an eventual 3-2 loss on Saturday after the Detroit pivot knocked Kadri's helmet off in the offensive zone. Kadri's cross-check left Glendening briefly down on the ice and drew a two-minute penalty.

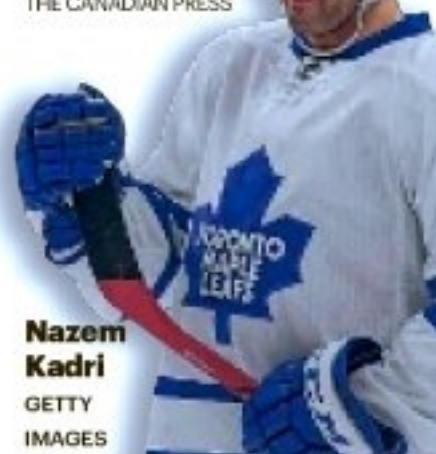
Leafs head coach Mike Babcock felt Kadri initially targeted Glendening's arm following a battle in the corner, with his check riding up into the shoulder and head area.

"You've got to command your fair share of the ice if you're going to play hard," Babcock said

ahead of Toronto's game Monday night against Florida. "You can't cross-check people in the head. You're allowed to cross-check them in the meat of the arm though."

As a repeat offender under the collective bargaining agreement, Kadri will forfeit \$200,000 US.

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Nazem Kadri
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IN BRIEF

T-Wolf LaVine's dunk title was a good sign

Timberwolves star Zack LaVine made his fourth trip of the season to Metro Deaf School on Monday in St. Paul, Minn., to mark the opening of a new kitchen and cafeteria paid for in part by the money he won in the slam dunk competition at All-Star Weekend in Toronto.

He took sign language in high school, which piqued his interest in working with deaf children.

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Koe keeps wins coming

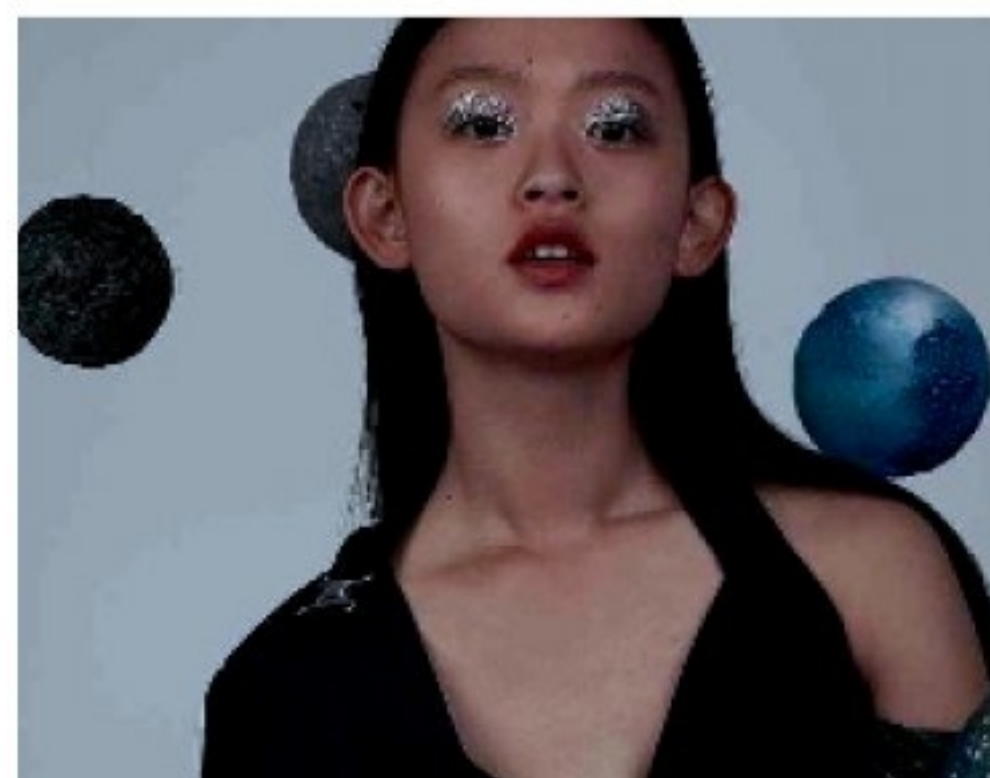
Kevin Koe's Canada is 5-0 at the men's world curling championship after

posting wins Monday over Japan and Scotland.

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Toronto-born prospect tempering expectations

NHL

Tevaun Smith on draft radar after strong pro-day results

Tevaun Smith isn't allowing an impressive pro day performance to go to his head.

The 23-year-old Toronto native raised eyebrows at Iowa's pro day last month with a 40-yard dash time of 4.33 seconds. Bypassed for the NFL combine in February, Smith's time would've left him tied for third in Indianapolis, just .02 seconds behind Georgia running back Keith Marshall.

The six-foot-one, 205-pound Smith also registered a 38-inch vertical jump, 3.94-second shut-

tle and 6.56-second three-cone, bench-pressed 225 pounds 13 times and had a broad jump of 10 feet two inches. He would've finished second in the three-cone drill and third in the shuttle at the combine.

Smith's performance prompted Gil Brandt, the former Dallas Cowboys vice-president of player personnel now working as the NFL Media senior analyst, to write, "Smith had a great workout, and will be a drafted player."

But Smith is tempering his expectations for the April 28-30 draft.

"I hope I can be drafted but at the end of the day everything happens for a reason," Smith said during a

telephone interview. "I'm expecting to be a free agent and whatever happens after that happens." THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I'm kind of used to having a chip on my shoulder. I'm definitely hungry and ready to go."

Tevaun Smith



Receiver Tevaun Smith, left, caught three touchdowns playing for Iowa last season. GETTY IMAGES FILE

OFFSHORE ACCOUNTS

Messi subject of Spanish tax probe

Spanish tax authorities say they are investigating allegations of tax irregularities involving soccer player Lionel Messi after documents released by an international probe of offshore accounts.

Messi's family released a statement Monday denying wrongdoing and threatened to sue media outlets that released the information linking the Argentine player to accounts in Panama.

Last year, Spanish author-



Lionel Messi
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ities charged Messi and his father with three counts of tax fraud for allegedly defrauding Spain's tax office of 4.1 million euros (\$4.4 million) in unpaid taxes from 2007-09. They will stand trial in late May and face nearly two years in prison if found guilty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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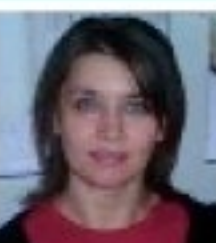
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- 6 Tbsps mascarpone cheese
- 2 tsps fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp zest of lemon
- 1 tsp coconut sugar (or regular)
- 1/2 cup fresh blueberries, pureed
- 4 slices thick multi-grain bread or challah
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup of coconut milk
- 2 tsps vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup unsweetened coconut flakes for garnish
- fresh blueberries for garnish
- maple syrup
- butter for pan

Directions

1. In a bowl mix the mascarpone

cheese, lemon juice, zest and sugar. In a blender puree the blueberries. Stir the blueberry mixture into the cheese mix.

2. In a bowl that you can sink your bread into, whisk the eggs, milk and vanilla. Set aside.

3. Take a thick slice of bread, cut it in half and, down the center of the slice to nearly the other corner, cut a pocket. Take a tablespoon or so of the cheese mixture and fill the pocket. Dunk the 1/2 slice into the egg mix, flipping to fully coat. Continue until you've filled and dunked all the triangles.

4. Place slices in a warm frying pan that you've coated with a tablespoon of butter. Cook on both sides until golden brown. Remove from pan and serve with blueberries, sprinkle of coconut and maple syrup.

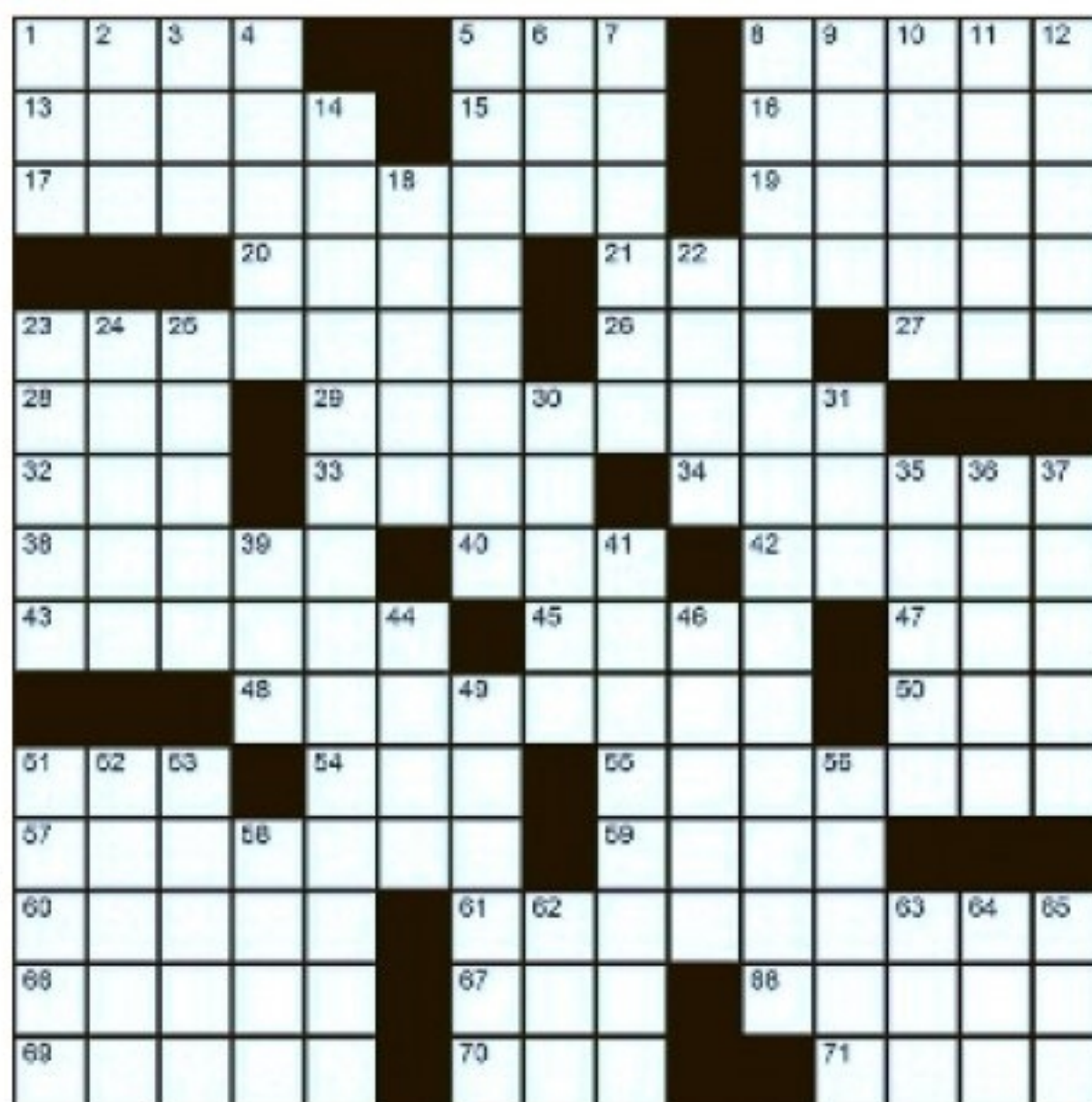
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1. Podium
5. Green Gables home, commonly
8. Baltimore NFL player
13. ___ nothing
15. Ms. Rand
16. Express a thought
17. Like a movie with Oscar-winning stars
19. Stupefy
20. Italian car
21. Approximate
23. Move onward
26. Long-snouted fish
27. Bashful
28. Flyer to a flower
29. 'On the Edge of Everywhere' port town in Nova Scotia
32. Friend: French
33. Through
34. 1982 Robin Williams movie character based on the John Irving novel, ___
38. Polynesian archipelago kingdom
40. Wood cutter
42. Irish actor, Milo ___
43. Some written works
45. Bank dealing
47. Ms. Miller
48. TV show backers
50. Born, in bridal bios
51. Tree chopping
54. Fleuve's flower
55. Cracks the



57. Hangar hang-out
59. Farm fabrication
60. Shut-eye
61. Do this a little in the Trooper song: 2 wds.
66. Relating to

67. Lodge
68. ___ Coyote
69. Pontificate
70. 'Yes' at sea
71. Detect

DOWN

1. Stealing bird
2. Ginger drink
3. ___-defined (Vague)
4. Syllable-singing system
5. Designs
6. Blinker
7. Canadian book-

8. Canadian invention in the workshop since 1908: 2 wds.
9. Acme
10. Some charge cards
11. Cain's biblical son
12. Mesh-like

14. Gordon Lightfoot song that seems fitting for April's weather: 3 wds.
18. Chocolate source
22. Seagoing, shortly
23. Slacken
24. Audition tapes
25. Leaf's lines
30. Servings of food
31. Sci-Fi writer Mr. Wells, et al.
35. "Can you give me ___?" (I need some help here)
36. Ms. Zellweger
37. Window parts
39. Motorist's purchase
41. ___ Racetrack (Venue of the Queen's Plate every summer in Toronto)
44. Glide
46. Spheres
49. Beaver-like rodent called a 'river rat'
51. Rodeo rope
52. Edmonton NHL player
53. Film legend Ms. Garbo
56. "Union's been on strike / He's down ___ luck ...it's tough, so tough." - Bon Jovi
58. ___ moss
62. "Well, in ___ event..."
63. "Lucky Man" gr.
64. Mr. Tolstoy
65. Allow

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today you feel down-to-earth about life. You want to approach practical projects in a tangible way. Nevertheless, this is a poor day for important decisions or major purchases.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Behind-the-scenes research might reveal something useful for you today. Listen to the advice of others, especially those who are older or more experienced.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
In discussion with groups and friends, someone will have some practical advice for you. Quite likely, this person is older or more experienced. Nevertheless, postpone important decisions until tomorrow.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You will impress people in power today because they see you as reliable, conscientious and practical. However, this is a poor day to volunteer for anything or to agree to anything important. Wait until tomorrow.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You can accomplish a lot of studying or learning something new because it's easy to concentrate today. A teacher or guru-like figure might impress you.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Do your homework today to tie together loose ends regarding inheritances, taxes, debt and insurance issues. Nevertheless, this is a poor day for important decisions.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Discussions with partners and close friends will be practical and concern long-range plans for the future. Just kick these ideas around, because you should postpone important decisions until tomorrow.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will accomplish a lot at work today because you find it easy to concentrate and pay attention to detail. You won't even mind doing routine tasks. Bravo!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Children might be a serious responsibility today. This is also a good day to deal with practical applications for creative projects.

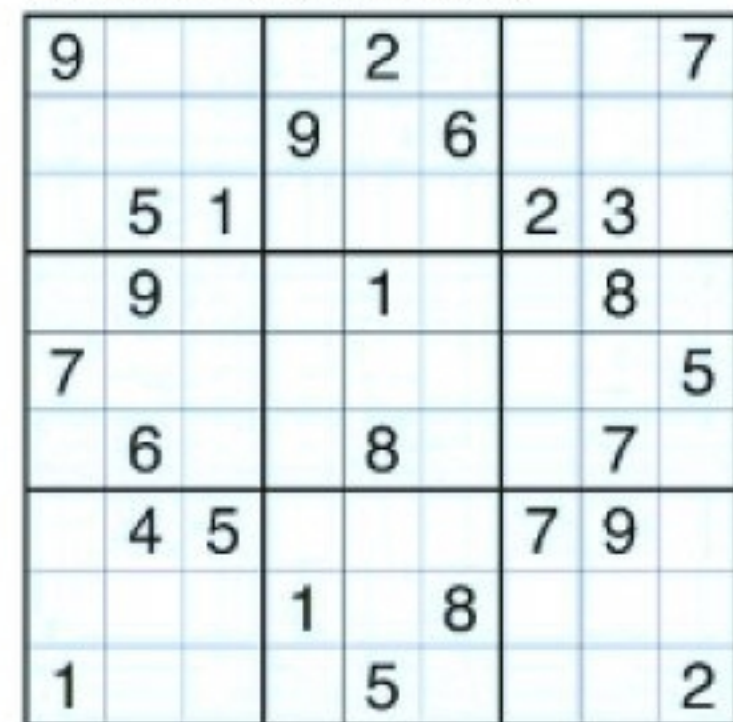
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A family discussion with someone older might be helpful today. This person might choose to offer you assistance.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You're in a serious frame of mind today, which is why you are willing to do routine tasks that help you feel better organized. This is also a good day to study new subjects and learn something.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You're in the frame of mind to make financial plans for the future. That's fine. Do your homework. But postpone important purchases and important decisions until tomorrow.

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